

Town of Canton
Canton School Committee Minutes of the Meeting of July 30, 2020
Remote Meeting due to COVID-19 School Closure
Zoom Webinar

- A. Call to Order: The meeting of the School Committee is called to order at 7:07 pm by Chair Mirliani via a roll call vote. Chair Mirliani noted that the Committee just held an Executive Session where the roll call vote of 5-0 opened the meeting.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Maureen Moran	yea
Charles Rae	yea

Also Remotely Present:

Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Superintendent
Derek Folan, Assistant Superintendent
Barry Nectow, School Business Administrator
Colleen Hutchinson, Recording Secretary
Julie Shore, Director of Technology and Digital Learning
Debbie Rooney, Director of Teaching and Learning
Debra Bromfield, Director of Student Services
Dianna Mullen, new Director of Student Services
Barbara Reardon, Canton Board of Health
Dr. Julie Goodman, Canton Board of Health

- B. Public Comment:

Timothy McCarthy (read into the record) Mr. McCarthy was not on Zoom.	School reopening: My statement is in concern to the remote model and how it is not compatible with parents' work. Jobs and income can't be replaced or created. Moreover, the 10 day push out without camps/childcare has a direct impact on home life.
Anna Sanina	Remote learning option - third party curriculum
Moneesha Narula-Isaac	Data on the contagiousness of children in different age groups

- C. Unfinished Business:

1. School Reopening Update: Superintendent Fischer-Mueller, Assistant Superintendent Folan, Mr. Nectow, Ms. Shore, Ms. Rooney, and Ms. Mullen provided an update on the school reopening plans. Superintendent Fischer-Mueller reviewed DESE guidelines and timelines with regards to COVID 19. The Preliminary Reopening Plan to DESE will include a description of each of the three reopening models, a description of how the district will support students with special circumstances/high needs and the district preliminary thinking about which of the three reopening models it may use to open the school year this fall. The transportation plan has one student per bench with students sitting on alternating sides of each row. Students in the same household can sit together. There will be assigned seating and bus monitors may be added to every bus to ensure strict health and safety guidelines. The average bus carries 71, this transportation plan would hold 24 students on each bus. The Hybrid Model Blended Learning Model AA/W/BB is an integrated learning experience that will provide for connectedness and

is recommended by the Canton Board of Health. The remote learning model will be a full day schedule with rigor and attendance mandatory. It will be at home with direct instruction with the classroom teacher. There will be connections with teachers and peers throughout the day.

Assistant Superintendent, Derek Folan, spoke at length about the new Remote Learning Pathway. This new Remote Learning Pathway will be fully remote and include a transition process back to in school continuum. There will be grade-level groups developed. It will align with the curriculum and be facilitated by Canton teachers and support staff. There will be specials, lunch movement breaks, attendance, grades, required participation, and performance. There will be teacher accountability: full school day of teaching, curricular rigor, and challenge, synchronous teaching, and connections with students. There is not a determination yet if teachers in this model will be in the classroom as negotiations are still ongoing. In the Remote Learning Pathway model, parents can change their minds and switch to the continuum model after a three week transition period.

The district will send out a survey tomorrow to gauge families' interest in the model they would choose to send their child(ren) back to school this fall. This survey will not be anonymous and is due back on Tuesday, August 4 by noon. Parents have the option of choosing the CPS Continuum Model which includes: all in at 4.5 feet of social distancing, Hybrid 50/50 AA/BB and Remote Learning 2.0, or the Remote Learning Pathway. A student who chooses the continuum could at any time during the year be in any/all of the 3 continuum models. Students who choose the Remote Learning Pathway will be in the pathway for the full year but will have the opportunity to transition to the continuum at any time after a three-week transition process.

All accommodations will be fulfilled either individually or in groups for the special circumstances cohort which includes IEP students, ELL students, and students with extraordinary needs i.e. health issues. The details of who will provide the accommodations are being worked out.

Superintendent Fischer-Mueller is recommending the Hybrid 50/50 AA/BB to reopen schools. This model has students with their teacher every week, allows them to return to school safely, with close attention being paid to hand washing, social distancing, and mask-wearing; state and national organizations recommend students in school. Every Wednesday will be a deep clean day. CPS pays great attention to air quality and HVAC systems have been maintained well over time.

It was confirmed that CPS will not be using an outside vendor for the Remote Learning Pathway model. Students in grades K-2 will be given Ipads and student's in grades 3-12 will be given Chromebooks. The teachers' "learning system" will include a laptop and an iPad a secondary device.

The school calendar will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. There was a question raised about the Monday holidays and how it could impact the A cohort.

There was a discussion about the ability to do contact tracing and which model is best in this regard. BOH members explained that one is most contagious two days before the onset of symptoms, therefore, it is easiest and best to follow AA/BB vs. AAAA/BBBB.

It was confirmed that the DESE Commissioner recommends masks for all staff and students grades 2 and above. Under grade 2 will be optional. CPS will follow these guidelines.

Chair Mirliani requested a motion to send the Preliminary Reopening Plans to DESE.

Motion to send the Preliminary Reopening Plans to DESE: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Maureen Moran

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Maureen Moran	yea
Charles Rae	yea

Motion to approve the Preliminary Reopening Model of Hybrid 50/50

AA/BB as the tentative plan with which to open schools this fall: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Kristian Merenda

Roll Call Vote: 4-1

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Maureen Moran	yea
Charles Rae	nay

Mr. Rae shared that he prefers the All-In model at 4.5 feet.

D. Routine Matters:

1. Approve Minutes dated June 23, 2020

Move: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Kristian Merenda

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

2. Approve Executive Minutes dated June 23, 2020

Move: Nichola Gallagher

Second: Kristian Merenda

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

E. Sub-Committee Reports

1. CPC - Kristin Mirliani - nothing new to report.
2. BRC - Chuck Rae nothing - Absent
3. Wellness- Chuck Rae - Absent
4. Finance - Maureen Moran/Nichola Gallagher - nothing new to report.
5. Policy - Kristian Merenda – meeting scheduled for next week.
6. PRHC – Nichola Gallagher - nothin new to report.
7. Ad Hoc Calendar Advisory - Maureen Moran - nothing new to report.

F. Future Business: Next School Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, August 6, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

G. Other Business: None

H. Adjournment: Nichola Gallagher motioned to close Open Session at 8:35 pm. Kristian Merenda seconded. It was voted by a roll call vote 5-0.

Kristin Mirliani	yea
Kristian Merenda	yea
Maureen Moran	yea
Nichola Gallagher	yea
Chuck Rae	yea

5 yeas 0 nays